

ROSE is "PITCHING IN" to educate WI Members communities across Ontario!

We're happy to be working with PITCH-IN CANADA - to get communities excited about and engaged in a variety of programs from recycling and composting programs to cleaning up and beautifying streams, wilderness and urban areas.

PITCH-IN CANADA is a national non-profit organization founded in 1967 by several volunteers concerned about the proliferation of packaging and its effects on the land and marine environments. They recognized

that personal action, with assistance from, but not dependence on, governments and other stakeholders, is needed to conserve, enhance and protect the environment and to reduce and reuse waste.

Today, millions of volunteers participate in thousands of projects each year. Like WI Members and the ROSE Program, they all share a common interest: to improve communities and the environment.

The partnership between PITCH-IN CANADA and the ROSE Program means, WI Branches and Districts can access many programs and free materials, including posters, colouring books, educational materials and much more!

www.pitch-in.ca offers a variety of resources, including instructions on how to run action activities, education events, fundraising activities and much more. Be sure to visit the web site for great ideas and suggestions to make your ROSE Program a success!

We've included some ideas below to help get your planning started. If you have questions or would like help with your event planning, contact Patty at roseprogram@fwio.on.ca or 519-836-3078.

Good Idea!

Clean Green - Many common household cleaners contain toxic chemicals that are harmful to your health and the environment. Inform your community of ways they can clean their house the "green" way!

All Purpose Cleaner # 1 125 ml ammonia 75 ml washing soda 4 L warm water

Host a ROSE Session with the resources of PITCH-IN CANADA!

The Green Shopper Program - All of us are concerned about the environment and want to find ways to make a difference. The Green Shopper Program offers a range of information and activities that promote the active involvement of consumers in reducing the amount of solid waste created by packaging.

PITCH-IN CANADA TRA\$H-A-THON Program - Everyone has a responsibility for helping to clean up the environment and for making sure that it doesn't get polluted in the first place! That's why we encourage voluntary PITCH-IN CANADA clean-up and prevention campaigns. Why not use your annual PITCH-IN Campaign to raise funds.

Composting...Get started today! - Canadians produce more garbage than any other country in the world, approximately 15 kilograms of garbage per person per week. Contrary to what some may say, we cannot recycle our way out of the ever-growing problems associated with garbage disposal. We must do more.

Household garbage can be reduced by about one third by composting your kitchen and garden wastes. By doing so, you will also be returning organic matter back to the soil when you compost in your garden. Organic matter in the soil improves plant growth by helping to break down heavy clay soils, adding water and nutrient-holding capacity to sandy soils and adding essential nutrients to any soil. Healthy plants help clean our air and conserve our soil.

Visit www.pitch-in.ca

